

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

John Girdlestone and his son Erra and Tom Dimadale form the London firm of Girdlestone & Co., merchants in the African trade. They send out rotten ships, heavily insured. Occasionally as the two fugitives, clinging to as is iost, to the great profit of the firm. John Harston, old Girdlestone's one friend, dies and Leves his daughter Kate, who is to have \$40,000. To the guardisanship of old Girdlestone suggests that Erra marry Kate for her money. Kate is business and speculation impair the resources of the African merchants. Old Girdlestone suggests that Erra marry Kate for her money. Kate is engaged to Tom Dimadale. Erra proposes that Erra marry Kate for her money. Kate is is treated as an insane person. Tom does not know where to find her; he follows Erra everywhere, but is spuided. Kate manages to send a message by Lavinia Scully, through Major Clutterbuck, to Tom. With the Major and some of his friends Tom haftens to Hampshire. Erra, his father and Burt, a scoundrel in their employ, are just laying the body of Relecca Pijorth, whom they had killed, mistaking her for Kate, but railway tracks, when Tom and his friends come upon them. Burt is caught. Erra upon the residual profit of the service waves actually broke over the waves actually broke over the water manuely broke over the water and thither and the father and burt, a scoundrel in their employ. The plants or drained away through the scupper holes. On each of these occasions the poor rotten vessel would the contact was tremendous but he related to the water gained and gained. All friends come upon them. Burt is caught. Erra and the two fugitives, clinging to him he made no attempt to him he made no attempt to him he made no attempt to the water which hung above them. Once or the water which hung above them. Once or the water with them assess of the court. He knew that the waves actually broke over the upon the international provers the cou

VI.-The Fate of Girdlestone.

HE Girdlestones fled in the darkcasping.

He caught the old man by the ting clear without accident. coat and shook him violently.

Girdlestone's face was all drawn, as under the shelter of the vessel that they ous demon at his legs, but he held on though he were threatened with a fit, played over his contorted features. trembling lips.

'It was her spirit," said his father in the same awe-struck voice. "The spirit ing man, who realizes his danger but of John Harston's murdered daughter." is determined to throw no chance of "It was the girl herself," said Ezra. safety away. His mouth was set firm He had been panic-stricken at the mo- and hard, and his dark eyebrows were ment, but had had time during their drawn down over his keen eyes, which flight to realize their situation. "We glanced swiftly from right to left. have made a pretty botch of the whole

don't mock me! Who was it we carried Black Eagle.

was 't? Why, that jealous as they pattered forth prayers. tide. Rebecca Taylforth, of course, who must have read my note and came out other's cloak and hat to hear solemnly.

muttered with the same vacant look still in the main I have walked straight. upon his face. "All for nothing then- From my youth I have been frugal and

Nothing was left them, but escape candid eyes into your own heart and from the law they must, or hang with see if you are fit to be called away."
Burt. John Girdlestone could not plan, As he spoke a great wave hurled the but Ezra, stronger and more resource-

ful, saw a chance. "We must get a boat," he said, "and which bristled from the base of the cliff. pick up the Black Eagle in the Downs, she was to have gone down the Thames to-day, and to lie at Gravesend, and then to work round to the Downs, where she will be to-morrow. It will be a Sunday, so no news can get about, if we get away with him they will lose all trace of us. We'll get him to land us upon the Spanish coast. I think it will fairly puzzle the police. No doubt

line by this time?" Fortune was with them, for they found a boatman willing to set them on the Black Eagle, and as they reached The Crystal Gardens, on the roof of the Downs there was the ship raising the New York Theatre, will be opened

they are watching every station on the

and Kate, the Major and Mrs. Seully, were married at the same church and on the same day. Tom went to work on the affairs of Girdlestone & Co. with such energy that something was saved Another extravaganza by the same gen from the wreck, more than the fleeing themen, called "The Dress Parade," will be a musical review of Broatway suc-And Tom went on building up a pros-perous business. Neither he nor the police could ever trace the fugitives, until Taylor, Emma Francis, Lillie Brink one of the crew of the Black Eagle told Eliphye Snowden, Helen Lucas, Daisy the story.

The early part of the voyage of the Black Eagle was extremely fortunate. The wind came round to the eastward, and wafted them steadily down channel, until on the third day they saw the Isle of Ushant lying low upon the sky-line. No inquisitive gunboat, or lurking po-lice launch came within sight of them, though whenever any vessel's course Ruge, aerial comiques, and Harris's brought her in their direction the heart of Ezra Girdlestone sank within him. On one occasion a small brig signalled to them, and the wretched fugitives, when they saw the flags run up, thought to be merely some trivial message, and the two owners breathed again.

warning.

The Black Eagle was running under | Everything about "Japan by Night" | FOUR BEST HUSBANDS. The sea had risen very quickly, as it den proper there will be the same stage atll when the wind comes upon a swell, as last year, exteriorally a representation of the Temple of Nikko. Surround-summit of a wave there was a vista ing the garden will be tea booths, and at set death towering ridges with their one and a Japanese restaurant, where a

threatening crests of foam. When the he had shaken himself free of the box

the time came when they must take to not see any break in the sheer declivity

The ship was settling down in the a wave had landed him there another water so fast that it was no difficult might come as high and drag him away. ness, wildly, but keeping in touch matter to let the boats down. They Looking down he saw one or two smaller with each other, until the old man hung only a few feet above the surface. ones break into spray far below him. feil exhausted. They had got near the The majority of the crew got safely into and then a second great green billion wa, and in its light looked at each other the long boat, and the two Girdlestones, came rolling majestically toward him. with Miggs and four seamen, occupied He eyed it as it came foaming in and "You devil!" Ezra cried at last in a the gig. It was no easy matter to pre- calculated that it would come at least harsh choking voice, taking a step vent the boats from being stove, as the as high as his knees. Would it drag toward his father with a gesture as waves alternately drove them from the him back with it, or could he hold his though he would have struck him. "You ship's side, or brought the two together own? He braced himself as firmly as have brought us to this with your cant- with a force which seemed irresistible. he could, placing his feet apart and ing and scheming and plotting. What By skilful management, however, they digging his nails into the inequalities of are we to do now-eh? Answer me both succeeded in casting off and get- the rock until the blood gushed from It was only when they emerged from and he felt it tugging like some murder.

felt the full power of the sea. If it bravely until the pressure decreased. and his eyes were glassy and vacant. had appeared stupendous when they Looking below he saw the wave sinking The moonlight glittered in them and trod the deck of the barque how much more so now, when, by leaning the arm 'Did you see her?" he whispered with over the side, they could touch the sur- and then from the depths of the green face. The great glassy green billows "Did you see her?" hurled them up and down, and tossed "Yes, I saw her," the other answered them and buffeted them as though the brusquely, "and I saw that infernal two boats were their playthings and fellow from London, and the major, they were trying what antics they could and God knows how many more behind perform with them without destroying her. A nice hornet's nest to bring about them. Girdlestone sat very grim and pale, with Ezra at his side. The young fellow's expression was that of a dar-

"The ship's gone!" Ezra said, as they rose on the summit of a wave. When "The girl herself!" cried Girdlestone they came up again all looked round, in bawllderment. "For heaven's sake, but there was no sign of the ill-fated

through the wood and laid upon the Ezra glanced at his father and saw that his lips were moving tremulously

it down upon the cruel jagged rocks,

was hanging with the lower portion of his body in the water. It was but a few instants, but the old man had time o think of many an incident in his past "Still at it!" he said with a sneer.
"Making my peace," the old man said life. Once more he saw the darkened sick room and his own form standing "My faith is now indeed a by the bed of the dying man. What are these words which ring in his ears above what I had to say to her. The cursed staff and a comfort. I look back at my long life, and though I humbly confess the crash of the surf? "May your flesh "The wrong woman!" Girdlestone that I have erred, and erred grievously, and blood treat you as you treat her." He looked up appealingly at his son dustrious. Oh, my boy, look with Ezra saw that the next wave would lift him right up on the ledge. It that case he might be hustled off. "Leave go!" he cried.

boat in upon its broad bosom and flung

His son brought down his heavy heel upon the bloodless hands. The old Afripick up the Black Eagle in the Downs. There was a horrible rending crash and can trader gave a wild shriek and fell

He was by no means safe as yet. 1

them. The water surged up upon him,

down upon the face of the cliff. Another

wave overtook it and welled it up again

waters Ezra saw a long white arm

shoot up and grasp the edge of the ledge

Even before the face appeared the young man knew that the hand was his

father's. A second followed the first,

and then the old merchant's face was uplifted from the waves. He was criefly bruised and battered and his clothes

had been partly torn away. He recognized his son, however, and looked up

at him beseechingly, while he held on

with all his strength to the ledge o

rock. So small was the space that his linging fingers touched Ezra's toes.

"There's no room here," the young

"Hardly room for one." The merchant

upon which he stood.

man said brutally.

'For God's sake!"

CONCERNING THE "PEEK-A-BOO" WAIST. THE RAILROAD MAN FINDS

BY HARRIET HUBBARD AYER.

HESE are idle days, it seems to me, when the clergy find time to anathema tize the garments of the lovely parishioner.

Or was it the woman outside the church who lately incurred the wrath of the reverend gentleman who denounced the diaphanous waist, which, of truth, some of us never knew had arrived in our midst until it was assailed from As a matter of taste, I distinctly think there can be but one opinion of the

gauzy garment (which Father Miller has done little toward abolishing by christenng it the peek-a-boo).

The eternal fitness of things renders filmy garments which display "cacheorsets" proper only under the shelter of a friendly roof, even if they are apcopriate outside one's dressing-room.

But why raise such a clatter about such an exceedingly trivial and shortived exhibition of inelegance and ignorance concerning clothes and when to The more important women are not going to exhibit themselves in the streets

New York in peek-a-boo waists. Let Father Miller be comforted. No mosquito-net cloudburst of iniquity is going to follow the introduction, reign or speedy passing of a woman's foolish

election of material of her shirt waist. For several reasons-first, because no woman worth bothering about is going o parade city thoroughfares in such apparel, and if the weather doesn't experience a sudden change of heart pretty soon the foolish sister who would wear a peek-a-boo will have to also disport her ulster to keep from freezing to death. Or, in case the sun should shine on her folly, she will learn from a sickenng experience that she hasn't added but subtracted from her attractions by succumbing to an unalluring and vulgar method of displaying her charms by way f a transparent excuse for covering them at all.

If the clergy are going to turn dress reformers in earnest they have every nsible woman's good wishes for success in the undertaking.

Let them begin with bathing costumes and work along the line until they strike the ball and dinner gowns of 1903. Then I warrant you good Father Miller will have abundant material for

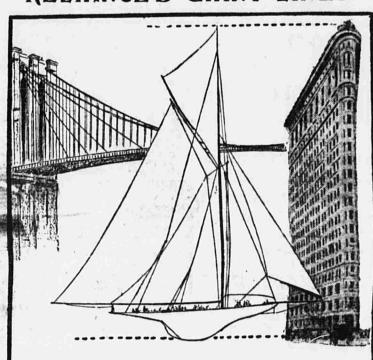
ermon and a warning worth while. It is wasting eloquence (to say nothing of valuable breath which might be spended in an appeal for charity and tolerance and brotherly love) to preach on the imaginary dangers of the transparent waist.

There is so much for clergymen to do in this world-so much they constantly are doing for the unlifting and betterment of humanity—that one hates to see such a very firmsy topic occupying the attention spoiling the temper of a minister

It takes more than a diaphanous waist to demoralize a good wome A "peek-a-boo" waist worn by a woman who imagines it to be a fashion (and it certainly is not a whit more risque than some of those that have been almost universally adopted within the past few years) will not create real havoc. Somebody will be sure to say something to make her unpreasantly conscious the is making an exhibition of herself.

The majority of women are on the side of propriety and therefore against the eek-a-boo for street wear. One cannot but wish that this member of clergy would be content to follow merely the example of the vast majority of clergymen who devote themselves to relieving actual grievances—actual distress—actual suffering and cruelty, and that he would leave fashions and furbelows to the

RELIANCE'S GIANT LINES.



Reliance.

than that fourteen-foot cabboat you than sixty feet of her mast.

cansized last summer. As a matter of fact. Reliance is a bined wash lines of many a town look floating skyscraper. If some modern small. She carries 20,000 square feet Samson could pick her up gently and canvas. set her down on the cable tracks at the This is enough cloth to form an awn junction of Broadway, Fifth avenue and ing for the biggest sort of roof garden; Twenty-third street she would make the or to serve as a ragian and umbrella Fiatiron Building look like a boathouse.

Her peak would be about on a level with its triangular roof; and the Fifth with its triangular roof; and the Fifth house the same of the same of the same would form a line nearly four nearly f

The Flatiron Building. AVE you any idea how big Reliance | feet shorter than the Reliance. From

the bottom of her keel to the summit of If you watch her from the dis- her topmast the new Cup defender tow tant deck of an excursion steamer you ers 195 feet. In order to sail under the may get an idea she is a trifle larger bridge she would have to cut off mer-Her sails, too, would make the com-

LOVE'S TRAIN SIDETRACKED.



"Lady Friends."

The flagman who tends the switch, he ticket-seller and handy feller

or the edict's stuck up on the waiting-room wal That tells them their joy's at an end, And the girl must go that they worship so-The heart-wrecking "Ladifrend."

THAT! Cut out our Lady Friends? Never on your plugged nickels!" say the Amalgamated order of Yahoo and Suburban Trolley-"Out out our Lady Friends if men.

The officials of the New York and

They have issued an order prohibiting with her "gentleman friend," son

the entertainment on the rear seats of is going to happen. cars by conductors and gripmen of the 'The brakeman on the commuters' 'Lady Friend' of these gentlemen. This, it seems, these gripmen and conductors pressing the hearts of the typewriter have been doing to the exclusion of girls each morning and evening is apt attention to the ordinary passenger of to make it warm for some one if his

trolley conductor, gripman, motorman on the cars, where are they gold or brakeman are not to be lightly dealt do their courting, anyhow? They with in this rude fashion. The grinding go to the home of the sweet cree heel of monopoly and corporations may they dote upon at 3 A. M. when cut down pay and increase hours with have turned in the last car and r fering with his social rights he is apt to raise up and stitke hard and long.

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Burt was taken and daily hanged. Tom
of the entertainment will be a satire on ome and lyrics by Nat C. Woodward. be a musical review of Broadway successes of the season. In the casts will be Emma Carus, Mamie Gilroy, May Lucas, Trixie Friganza, Frank Bernard, George Ali, John Gilroy, Pat Rooney, William Wallace Black, Joseph Cain, Wilfred Gerds, Tom Collins, Bedini,

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